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Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 6.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to plan and control a biosecurity emergency incident according to the relevant standards and protocols provided in a national response plan.

The unit applies to individuals who have been appointed or engaged to take control of a biosecurity incident and response. They take personal responsibility for their own work and exercise autonomy in undertaking complex work. They analyse, design and communicate solutions to a range of complex problems. They work in contexts that are subject to change, and adapt a range of fundamental principles accordingly.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Emergency Response (BER)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Plan biosecurity emergency incident control	1.1 Identify strategies to support biosecurity emergency incident control 1.2 Confirm biosecurity emergency incident control programs comply with state, territory and commonwealth legislative and regulatory frameworks and nationally approved response plans

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	1.3 Seek expert advice on biosecurity emergency incident and gauge its likely impact 1.4 Identify declared areas of biosecurity emergency incident according to expert advice and available evidence 1.5 Develop plans to effectively and efficiently control biosecurity emergency incident 1.6 Submit plans to authority for approval 1.7 Identify consequences of biosecurity emergency outbreak relating to stakeholders
2. Oversee biosecurity emergency incident plans	2.1 Implement and monitor emergency biosecurity incident plans 2.2 Monitor recording and dissemination of information to ensure compliance with standards and protocols 2.3 Send, receive and act on reports according to relevant standards and protocols 2.4 Brief stakeholders on outcomes of management of biosecurity emergency incident according to command and control procedures
3. Monitor the biosecurity emergency incident	3.1 Monitor biosecurity emergency incident strategies to ensure they achieve planned outcomes 3.2 Monitor resource requirements to ensure strategies are achieved
4. Review biosecurity emergency incident control programs	4.1 Review biosecurity emergency incident control strategies and plans 4.2 Communicate changes to emergency biosecurity incident control strategies to stakeholders 4.3 Amend biosecurity emergency incident control plans according to review, expert advice, biosecurity standards and protocols

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
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Reading	Organise, evaluate and critique information from biosecurity standards, procedures and legislative and regulatory frameworks when checking the planning and performance of biosecurity emergency incident response
Writing	Demonstrate sophisticated writing skills by selecting appropriate conventions and stylistic devices to express precise meaning in reporting and briefing documents to a diverse audience
Oral Communication	Communicate effectively with a range of different stakeholders in different situations

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCBER602 Plan and oversee a biosecurity emergency incident	AHCBER601 Plan and oversee an emergency disease or plant pest control program	Changed code and title Changes to Application and Performance Criteria Update Performance Evidence, Knowledge Evidence and Assessment Conditions	Equivalent

Links

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Assessment Requirements for AHCBER602 Plan and oversee a biosecurity emergency incident

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has, on more than one occasion for a specified infected property, taken an oversight role in the planning and implementation of biosecurity emergency incident measures.

There must also be evidence that the individual has:

- applied biosecurity standards, guidelines, protocols and legislation
- recorded and disseminated information on a management system
- identified stakeholder communications required for overseeing a biosecurity emergency incident or control program
- planned and submitted for approval a control program contingent on identified strategies following expert advice
- contributed to the development of at least one of the following:
 - response plan
 - incident action plan
 - resource plan
 - communications plan
- identified declared areas that are within the jurisdiction of the control program
- briefed stakeholders, organisations and agencies on outcomes and management of emergency disease or pest outbreak
- implemented and monitored control plans using information management and reporting systems according to standards and protocols
- reviewed control strategies and plans against the intended outcomes, and amended plans commensurate with review outcomes
- monitored resource requirements to ensure strategies are achieved
- communicated revisions of control strategies and/or plans to appropriate personnel.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- standards and legislative requirements that inform and govern management of an emergency response to biosecurity incidents, including:
 - emergency response plans relevant to the industry
 - nationally agreed standard operating procedures
 - biosecurity codes of practice
 - commonwealth, state and territory legislation for biosecurity
- incident management functions
- phases of an emergency response
- strategies for controlling and managing emergency diseases or pests
- the purpose and development of plans designed to support a control program, including:
 - response plan
 - incident action plan
 - resource plan
 - communications plan, including working with the media
- support agencies and sources of expert advice and direction
- control procedures relevant to the emergency disease or pest
- project management principles for coordinating and managing control programs
- consequences and impacts of an outbreak, and management controls
- information and records management systems
- processes for monitoring and reviewing control plans, and resource expenditure
- human and physical resources required to implement the control plan
- methods and techniques for communicating with stakeholders, including:
 - oral presentation
 - print-based and media
 - reports and reporting styles.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated on a site where a biosecurity emergency incident control program is to be implemented or in an environment that represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - record-keeping and information management systems
- specifications:

- policies, procedures and processes for managing a biosecurity operation for emergency disease or pest control
- biosecurity legislation, codes of practice and industry deeds
- relationships:
 - stakeholders
 - subject matter experts.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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